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## **SIMON WILKIE NAMED FCC CHIEF ECONOMIST**

Washington, DC – Professor Simon Wilkie, of the economics faculty at the California Institute of Technology, has been named Chief Economist of the FCC, effective July 15, 2002.

Wilkie replaces David Sappington, who is returning to his position as the Lanzillotti-McKethan Eminent Scholar in the Department of Economics at the University of Florida. Sappington has served as the Commission's Chief Economist since July 1, 2001.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said, "In today's complex communications marketplace it is more important than ever that the Commission have access to the best economic analysis available. I am grateful for the expertise and important contributions David Sappington has made and I am extremely pleased that the FCC continues to attract some of the best economists in the nation. Simon Wilkie will be an invaluable asset to the FCC."

Wilkie is an internationally recognized scholar with extensive experience in the communications industry. Before joining Caltech, he was a member of the technical staff and a post-doctoral fellow at Bell Communications Research (BellCore). He also has served as an industry consultant to various companies in the U.S., U.K. and Australia on auction strategy. Wilkie is on the editorial board of the *Journal of Public Economic Theory* and has published widely on spectrum auctions, game theory, and telecommunications regulation.

Wilkie received his B.Comm. with honors in economics at the University of South Wales, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics at University of Rochester. He has been a member of the California Institute of Technology faculty since 1995 and a past faculty member of Columbia University and the University of Rochester.

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